Political initiative to tackle insurgency problems

1443. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking political initiative to tackle the insurgency problems apart from the deployment of army and paramilitary forces in the district of North Cachar Hills in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the Initiatives being taken by Government; and

(c) whether it is a fact that insurgent groups are seen side by side of the army and para-military forces in the whole of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government of India have made appeals to all the militant groups which include DHD to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks without conditions. Government are also committed to the speedy economic development of the North Cachar Hills.

(c) No Sir.

Inclusion of disabled persons in census 2000

1444. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to incorporate the number of disabled persons in census 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Data on infirmities was collected in the earlier Censuses of